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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 19 March, the Nachrichtenschule, south of the Koenigsbrueck railroad station (R 52/A 31), quartered about 1,000 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. About 70 soldiers equipped with rifles, submachine guns and practice targets marched from the installation to the Aue training grounds at about 9 a.m. on 13 March. About 200 to 250 troops were engaged in field training on the drill grounds. About 100 soldiers organized in groups drilled in the barracks yard on 14 March. From 60 to 80 soldiers practiced firing with black cartridges in the barracks yard and other troops received instruction in several class rooms. About 40 soldiers were engaged in physical exercise, and about 100 soldiers drilled at group level, in the yard. Twelve soldiers practiced with two mortars of about 100-mm and about 30 soldiers practiced firing behind the barracks building. About 40 soldiers, with rifles, were engaged in field training in the Aue training area. The area was cordoned off between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. The noise of intensive rifle and pistol fire was heard during that time. About 250 troops drilled in the barracks yard on 19 March. The Aue training area was cordoned off from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Rifle, and submachine gun and machine gun fire was heard throughout the day. The firing practice involved from 300 to 350 troops.

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2. The Altes Lager northwest of the railroad station quartered a guard and fatigue detail of not more than 30 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia. On 12 March, gasoline drums, which were apparently filled, were unloaded from trucks and stored in the large garage. The fuel of tank truck was transferred into an underground tank on 14 March.
3. The Neues Lager quartered about 8,000 troops. Soldiers observed wore red-bordered black epaulets, mostly with artillery insignia. On 13 March, the road to Neues Lager was blocked by a road barrier and guarded by sentries for the first time this year. Throughout 13 March and the preceding days, artillery fire was heard from the surrounding area. the troops also practiced with heavy caliber guns. On 14 March, one truck towing an AA gun of about 30-mm was observed entering the installation.

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25X1 Three trucks [redacted] followed, mounting
25X1 machine guns on tripods. These guns fired against biplanes flying over the
25X1 trucks. [redacted]

- 25X1 h. The camp in the woods near Bohra has an estimated capacity of about 2,000 men
25X1 and was occupied to capacity at the time of observation. (1) The fuel of two
25X1 4-axle railroad tankcars was transferred to trucks [redacted]
25X1 at the Koenigsbrueck main railroad station at 9 a.m. on 12 March. (2) At about
25X1 4 p.m., a train of 11 boxcars with troops wearing red-bordered black epaulets
25X1 and 36 flatcars with 9 guns of about 100-mm and trucks [redacted]
25X1 [redacted] was seen en route toward the eastern railroad station. (3)
25X1 On 14 March, eight full railroad tank cars stood at the main railroad station
25X1 and were to be emptied. [redacted] (2) A column drove from the direction of Koenigs-
25X1 brueck toward Weissbach at about 5 p.m. on 15 March. It consisted of about 30
25X1 vehicles, each carrying about 20 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets.
25X1 Eighteen of the trucks towed guns of about 76.2 mm. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] comments.

- 25X1 (1) The report confirms the 270th Gds Fort Regt of the 11th Gds Tank Div in the
25X1 Nachrichten Schule.
25X1 (2) Confirms the fuel depot in Altes Lager. [redacted]
25X1 (3) The information on Neues Lager vaguely confirms components of the unidentified
25X1 artillery brigade and the 4th Gds AAA Div of the First Gds Mecz Army assumed to
25X1 be stationed there. Among the vehicles there were some [redacted] of the 9th
25X1 Tank Div and the 11th Gds Tank Div.
25X1 (4) According to previous reports, it is credible that a troop camp exists between
25X1 Koenigsbrueck and Bohra.
25X1 (5) A shipment of the 11th Gds Tank Div. [redacted]

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